

Professional Expectations for Music Majors

Communication competencies are demonstrated by behaviors such as:

1. Using appropriate grammar (syntax, inflection, and word choice) in oral communication
2. Speaking distinctly and with confidence
3. Communicating with sensitivity to the situation and circumstances of professors, students, peer, and colleagues
4. Using correct spelling, standard English language mechanics, and meaningful word choice in written expression
5. Communicating through electronic means such as email or D2L

Intellectual competencies are demonstrated by behaviors such as:

1. Ability to comprehend, memorize, analyze, synthesize and retain material
2. Ability to develop reasoning and decision-making skills

Musicianship competencies are demonstrated by behaviors such as:

1. Demonstrating competency in performing (playing/singing/conducting)
2. Demonstrating adequate pitch matching skills through singing
3. Demonstrating competency in rhythmic and melodic notation
4. Demonstrating appropriate music reading skills for the level of study

Professional, behavioral and social competencies are demonstrated by behaviors such as:

1. Completing assignments and meeting responsibilities on time (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00)
2. Participating fully in class and field settings (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00)
3. Seeking assistance from instructors and supervisors when appropriate (MSU Student Conduct Code 320.00)
4. Developing positive relationships with peers and educational professionals (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00)
5. Perceiving a wide range of interpersonal cues from others and responding appropriately (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00)
6. Displaying openness to new ideas and constructive criticism and using that criticism to improve performance (MSU Student Conduct Code 320.00)
7. Recognizing one's own strengths and weaknesses and taking personal responsibility to respond appropriately (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00)
8. Displaying professional appearance, poise, flexibility and a positive attitude
9. Prioritizing responsibilities (MSU Student Conduct Code 610.00)
10. Taking initiative (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00)
11. Using good judgment, tact, and discretion (MSU Student Conduct Code 310.00 & 610.00)